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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants are submitting herewith copies of the documents listed on the Form PTO-1449 attached to this information disclosure statement.

It is respectfully requested that the enclosed documents be fully considered by the Examiner during the examination of the application and be printed on any patent which issues therefrom.

Applicants are involved in a European Opposition Proceeding regarding Applicants' issued EPO Patent No. 0, 620, 720. Applicants' EPO Patent No. 0, 620, 720 claims priority to U.S. Application No. 792,001 filed on November 14, 1991, which issued as U.S. Patent 5,645,081. A copy of Applicants' issued European

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patent is enclosed. In the European Opposition Proceeding, separate oppositions were filed by Mondomed N.V. and Paul Hartmann A.G. A supplemental opposition paper was also filed by Mondomed. Applicants filed a combined response to both oppositions. Thereafter, Hartmann filed a reply to Applicants' response. Applicants are in the process of preparing a response to the Hartmann reply. Copies of the papers filed by the parties are enclosed, including English translations of the foreign language papers. Significantly, all references cited in the Opposition Proceeding have previously been disclosed to the USPTO in the PTO-1449 forms filed in the present application and are already of record in the present application. Consequently, Applicants are not resubmitting such references.

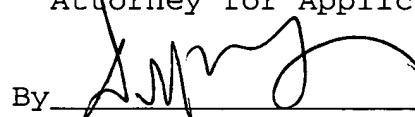
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